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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

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Entitled: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE DETECTION OF MICROORGANISMS BY FIBER OPTICS

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☒ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ Please delete the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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34 pages of specification and claims (including 20 numbered claims), and

8 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

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☒ Prior foreign application:

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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.  
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☒ This application is a ☐ continuation/☒ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/629,830, filed July 31, 2000, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.  
☒ The prior application is assigned to Fundação Oswaldo Cruz- Fiocruz and Universidade Federal Do Rio De Janeiro-UFRJ, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.  
☒ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.  
☒ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.  
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